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FREESTAR

MEIDEX Sprite observations continue to go well. An important moon calibration was performed on orbit 86 and very prominent thunderstorms were tracked on orbit 87 over central Africa. As of 5/14:00 MET analysis of Orbit 87 confirms images of 4 Sprites and 2 ELVES were captured. Also, very fortuitously, images of 2 meteorites entering the atmosphere were also captured. The images may be of high value to astronomical researchers at Tel Aviv University.

SOLSE Science Set 2 (4 Limb Views and 1 Earth View) was completed on Blue FD07. Data from both Science Sets is still being analyzed. Preliminary indications are that the Earth view data from both Science Sets was not recorded as expected in the SOLSE instrument. All LORE data is present. The SOLSE Team will continue to analyze the data and provide a more thorough status tomorrow.

The second CVX-2 critical period started on-time at 5/12:00 MET and the experiment is performing well

LPT operations continue. On FD05 and FD06 thirteen TDRS COMM events and 1 GPS event were completed successfully and the GPS experiment appears to be functioning well. A power cycle of LPT was required at 5/01:30 MET due to a CPU hangup. LPT has been functioning nominally since the power cycle.

The SOLCON team is comparing measurements obtained thus far with data from a similar instrument on SOHO. The SOLCON data will eventually be used to calibrate the SOHO instrument.

SPACEHAB

SPACEHAB subsystem operations are still experiencing some problems with the Water Separator Assemblies and EDGA crashes. An IFM to attempt recovery of the WSA is still being formulated. The data system performance remains marginal, but good payload science is still being achieved by most payloads that utilize the system.

SPACEHAB payloads generally continue to perform well with the exception of MSTRS, which is still experiencing problems with data downlink, and CM-2 which is still behind schedule by one LSP run.

MSTRS uplink commands are working and downlink data has improved. The MSTRS team is still trying to determine the origin of the downlink data problem.

COMP2PLEX is still experiencing problems with their GSE computer when the EGDA crashes. The operations of the first loop have been finished and experiment results are of high scientific value.

OSTEO's attempt at correcting the knob problem failure was unsuccessful.

MGM appreciates the good work in the setup and conducting of test number 6 of the MGM experiment. Many thanks to K. C. for getting the run accomplished. The PI is very excited about the results. We have now completed 6 successful runs.

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CM-2 has completed 13 successful LSP runs and the PI and the LSP team are very appreciative for your efforts getting the LSP runs.

ASTROCULTURE received more photos of the growing flowers. The buds are beginning to open and the plants look healthy, their growth is progressing. Plans are now being made for the sampling of the buds and the surrounding air.

The HLS MPFE Team thanks-you for getting our bugs back on the right track. The PI is extremely pleased with the outcome of your troubleshooting efforts.